Election Into Some of Them Is One of the Most Coveted Honors of the School Course.

Outside of Utopia it would be hard to find | time comes and claim the prizes remains to a more democratic community than a be seen. woman's college. The poor girl and the with a social pedigree as long as her arm, are all shuffled together in beautiful con-"dig" gains honors and degrees, if she is a her on the head. She shines, too, in the societies with learned names whose "ologies" and "isms" frighten off the frivolous. But in the little clubs and large clubs, where girls as social beings meet together for fun as well as profit, the "dig" is almost an unknown quantity. "She doesn't know a mortal thing but books," is the sentence that keeps her out. "She's a splendid student, and such good company, too," is the recommendation that makes a girl welcome whether she is rich or poor.

Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi, the two most popular societies at Smith, usually demand the double requirement of their members. Election consequently is an honor that a girl covets with all her soul. It means that she has high scholarship and the art of making friends, and it is the passport to all kinds of pleasant things besides. If one is elected among the first five of her class her cup of joy brims over. No prize in the whole college world is better than this. A girl is not eligible to either society until the first meeting after Christmas in her sophomore year. But for weeks before corridors and corners are full of whisperings, and the topic is always the girls that may abiv began with the evolution in dress

alternate years. It is not impossible, often, to pick out the ten most important girls in as uncertain as drawing tickets in a lottery. The favored society holds its meeting the first Saturday evening after Christmas vacation. From then until Monday morning the nonmembers are eaten up with curiosity. But not a hint of the elections will the society girl give. She looks mysterious and exasperating all day Sunday, and sends the hopes of expectant sophomores up to summer heat or down to zero by her smiles or indifference. At 8 c'clock on Monday morning the suspense ends. The secretary of the society saunters forth to carry the invitations to the five fortunate sophomores, and is straightway joined by members and nonmembers, until small-sized army.

THE HONOR OF HER LIFE. It is a curious sensation for a sophomore, unconscious of her fame, to find her room suddenly filled to overflowing with her friends, while the secretary thrusts the invitation into her hand, and her best society chum hugs her and all the other girls tell her at once how glad they are.

For a week the five new sophomores are treated like college debutantes. Flowers pour in upon them from all the girls they know a \* don't know, until every vase in the room is full and they must borrow their neighbors' or pre-empt the bathtub. They have suppers and spreads and parties given to them and they focus all the spare interest of the college for seven days. Then the other society holds its meeting, and for five other sophomores the programme is repeated, while the original quintet slips into

the social background. reputation and merit. A girl is not given a chance to express her preference beforemember, in the depths of her carefully hides her desire and cultivates loyalty to her own society. As Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi have a membership of only about fifty and there are over a thousand girls in college, an election to either society at any time in one's course is a blessing to be desired.

Smith has no secret societies. Alpha and Phi Kappa hold only their business meetings behind closed doors. Any attempt to found a chapter in the college has been promptly discouraged. Wellesley, on the some of them have the cosiest little society bungalows imaginable, where members can if they are suffering from suspended ambition. Wellesley has a Shakspeare Society, too, and once a year at least, on a warm, fragrant night of late June, with the moonlight shifting through the trees, the fathers and mothers and sisters, the real brothers and the borrowed brothers, from far and near, who are watching Wellesley girls play Shakspeare out-of-doors, are glad

that the college has a Shakspeare Society. Wellesley has a History Club, and a Current Events Club, and a German Club, and a French Club, and any number of wise socleties as well. Smith has them also, and Vassar. No well-regulated college could do one may find in the history of dress.' without them. Vassar has the Qui Vive and the T. and H. besides, which no other college has. There are debating societies, and once a year they are pitted against each other in the most picturesque and dramatic way. Nothing afterwards is too good for the debaters who have won the victory for the class, and they are treated like queens of the realm for the rest of the

that any girl must appreciate and long to like each other and want to be amused, place where the temptation is to serve even pleasure with an ulterior motive. .

Of "frivoi" clubs there are several kinds. One of the most popular is the "Eat" Club, in which a cup of tea, a pan of fudge, popcorn, a box of candy, a dish of ice cream, way to an hour of recreation and fun, Each member must eat whatever is set before her-that is all. Other clubs have different conditions for membership, everything that the playful fancy of a college girl can imagine, from turning a handspring to saying a philosophy lecture backwards.

humor. A candidate thinks long before she joins. The conditions are very severe. She must promise to accept the first man who proposes to her, whether or no. The penalty if she does not is something dreadful to contemplate, but only the members know what it is. In the meantime they eat and

the day of catastrophe. The S. U. B. (Society of Unappropriated Blessings) is specially designed to counter- 'in order to drive off the demon.

act the undue haste of the Matrimonial So-clety. Its members do not take the vow of SOCIETY GIRLS' CHATTER aims to even up the rewards of its members. It applies the principle of insurance to the girl who reaches the old maid milestone without having "Mrs." prefixed to her name. In case of marriage each member is to receive a wedding present from every other member, but if she reaches the age of thirty in a single state of blessedness she sends out cards to which each one of the club must respond with a present. The fatal age is still a safe distance away, and whether the S. U. B.'s will have the cour-

rich girl, the grocer's daughter and the girl | whose object is fun, shift and change and disappear and reappear with different col- marks to the Stupid Man who sat on the lege generations. In the formal scheme of other side of the grate. He did not venfusion, and the one with the best stuff in education they have no place or standing. ture a reply, but appeared to be fire-gazing. her wins. But brains are not all. The But some way, in one's individual experience, the vital friendships that grew out of lucky "dig." and the proud faculty pats | those rare hours in a strenuous week, when | one forgot wisdom and practiced folly, friends she became engaged. It was the seem as valuable as those lectures on dead | very funniest thing, too, how this hapnations that have some way slipped through the sieve of one's memory into oblivion.

age to label themselves old maids when the

## EVOLUTION OF MAN'S COAT.

## Theory that It Is in a Fair Way

Lose Its Tails.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Man's coat has undergone many curious it has played a conspicuous part. It has article in man's wardrobe. Economy, comfort and convenience have probably dictated the changes. The early tailors began the process of mutilation, and they have continued it down to this day. So persistent have these changes been that one may not even guess the coat's future. Relics of what the coat was in the earlier hisgorgeousness. The decline of the coat prob-To make the game perfectly fair, each so-level the castes in 1793 and 1794. Lecky is authority for the statement that the era marked a complete revolution in English dress.' Ordinary shoestrings took the place of silver buckles, the picturesque cocked but which five each society will hat disappeared, 'muslin cravats, pantaloons and Hessian boots came into fashion, hair powder was no longer used, and wigs were cast aside in the rioting effort to return to the simplicities of nature, and even Southey and Savage Landor, then students at Oxford, were contaminated by the spirit of republicanism and yielded to the new vogue of having their hair cut short. The coat came in for its share in the revolution by the Roundheads in the seventeenth cen-

tury began to bear fruit. The change was "The earliest coat was probably a simple wrap," the speaker continued. "It represented all that the savage wore. It finally evolved into a long, loose skirt or cape, Flaps covered the armholes and took the place of sleeves. One may yet see the relics | him and treated him shamefully. I said to | left the building. I had another experience of this type in the robes of ecclesiastics. her after he had gone, 'I'll just bet anyshe looks like the general at the head of a But these coats were awkward. Men began thing that you marry that man.' She to grow out of them. They interfered with | scorned the idea, and said I'd see how badly the limbs of the body and retarded loco- I was mistaken. But was I mistaken? No, motion. They robbed the human form of its | indeed, I wasn't, for she's now engaged to gracefulness of curve and rotundity at a this man and is perfectly lovely to him. time when a man's form began to count But the strange thing about this case is are not to be compared with persons who or something in the world. Simplicity has that she has confessed to me that all the go to the expense of buying coffins for been the dominant passion of coat designers in these latter days. Even the frock, knew in her own heart that she would prised to know the number we have made which is probably of Saxon origin, is pass- marry him. Wasn't that a queer case? ing, except in the rural districts of America and England. Prince Alberts are worn, but men of affairs do not look upon them with favor. They are too clumsy for the age. the maiden went on to say, "where my Long coats are handicappers. Life's race is too rapid. Man is anxious to carry the ninimum weight. It is a modern essential. One's feet must not become enmeshed in | To make her word good the young woman | than the dog was worth. the tail of one's coat. Yet one may find the evidence of the old type ever in the coats

style.

obeisance to Mock cuffs and buttons the sleeve, the lapel and collar, and the buttons in the back, all these things are the fragments of the earlier type, yet fragments which curiously enough have come down through centuries of time. Once they | because the engagement has not yet been had their proper uses. 'The cutting away The societies are supposed to be equal in at the waist," says Mr. Tylor, 'once served the reasonable purpose of preventing the catskirts from getting in the way in ridhind the waists are also relies from the placed notches made to allow of its being

> may conjecture that after a while there will | ever, that the Violet Girl was thankful for. be no tails to coats, not even in the circles | That was that the palmreader failed to tell ance of the Tuxedo, with its comfort, its | the girl had been dreading-to be told that consumed in making the tails. They are midst of the crowd. coattail is passing. Its disappearance will | your own housework. probably mark the last change in the coat's and the modifications which come after will probably manifest themselves in spasmodic

## ANCIENT BABYLON.

impulses to revert to one or the other of

the original and intermediate types which

## Some Recent Discoveries of the Ger-

man Oriental Society. Correspondence of the London News, tion sent out by the German Oriental So-Formal societies are excellent in their which, with those already unearthed, will outside because a cook who does not sleep excuse for being, except that the members | the inscriptions yet deciphered, but they comes for orders as to the next day's or some other indigestible joy, opens the of Esa, and one of the twelve great gods of three days to five weeks, the Assyr-Babylonian Pantheon. His temple. Esagiia, "the exalted house," became the national sanctuary of the whole em- candy, but she asks for a dollar for soap pire. He also had a sanctuary at Sippar. | for each washing, and has to be closely He is twice mentioned in the Book of Jere- watched. Every servant who lives in the miah, and in Isaiah as Bel. It was the cus- house brings her own bed and furniture. tom to sing the litany which has now been A girl from the country will arrive with found after the periodical procession to only a thin mattress and one poor coverlet, that grand pantheon which has been and will leave at the end of three or four

> completely excavated. Andrae have made another important dis- | were moving out. covery, a temple of Ador, or Nineb, the tutelar god of physicians, hitherto quite

these discoveries, which has just been pub- | teristics of Spanish women. They are well lished, also gives a minute description of educated, the daughters of the rich in pri- quizzed him about the osteopath bill in the an amulet, supposed to protect the wearer vate schools, the others in the public State Legislature, with the acknowledgment from the machinations of the demon La- schools. The nation offers free education that the bona fide practitioners of osteopamake merry and forget as well as they can | bartu. Labartu was an ashen-hued being, | to both boys and girls, from the primary | thy were undoubtedly "straight," though

HOW THE GIRL WITH A DIMPLE LOST HER CHUMS.

They Had a Penchant for Becoming Engaged-One Girl's Experience with a Fortune Teller.

"I am unable to understand," observed the Girl with the Single Dimple," why it is Not the Rich, but Those Who Can The little clubs, whose bond is affinity and | that all of my chums have to get themselves eagaged." She addressed her re-"Now, for instance," she continued, "I had the loveliest girl friend when I was in school. About the time we became fast pened. When we found we were going to have to give her up we all wanted her to marry a Yale man, but did she do it? No she did not. He sent her the loveliest pin too-a silver heart bearing a four-leaf clover enameled on the heart. Each leaf contained a letter and these letters spelled 'Yale.' Now, wasn't that a cunning little conceit? However (with a sigh), she didn't get engaged until after we left school and changes," said an observer of fashions, had been separated a year or two. I went and in the upheavals and transformations to visit her, and, of course, we had more which have marked the evolving fashions or less company that week. The Yale man was occasionally writing her letters, but been cut and clipped more than any other | she didn't like him-that is, she didn't care enough for him to marry him. But now listen. What do you think that girl aid? A most surprising thing, it seemed to me. A nice young man came to call on me a couple of times during the first two or three days of my stay at my friend's house. One tory may yet be found. But they are mere my friend do but fall in love with that remnants, idle reminders of its pristine man that very night. Now wasn't that a queer thing? Before the week was over I wasn't in it at all, but that nice young man was devoting himself to my friend almost the doctrine of equality was seeking to exclusively. Now, what I want to know is, scene, since they had lived in the same town together for years. Goodness knows I didn't want the man, and it isn't a case of sour grapes with me, but it strikes me as being awfully queer that she couldn't have seen something in him before. Well, the result was that she was engaged to him in a few months, and I understand they are much in love with each other.

x x x "Another one of my friends became engaged in an unusual way," the Girl with of dress. The tailor began to clip the sur- the Single Dimple continued, "and if you plusage. The example which had been set | are not going to fall asleep I'll relate it. She went to spend a short season at a summer resort, and while she was there I happened to arrive. We had always been chums, and, of course, we were both delighted to see each other. We had a deightful time until a certain man appeared on the scene. He came there especially to an's eye. She took such a great liking to see my friend. She didn't care one bit for | it that I sold it to her for \$400 before she time she was snubbing that poor fellow she | dogs and pet animals. You would be sur-

"I think I can count four or five cases," particular girl friends have become engaged just when we were having the best times.' of the most modern make. Tailors have ap- | slender little hand and proceeded to count coached with caution and delicacy every on the tapering fingers the different cases in which she had been ruthlessly robbed of a chum by some bold wooer. "There was Kathryn, and Edith, and Josephine," she said, "and-let me see; oh, yes, there was the one that become engaged to a man while riding in a sailboat at Maxinkuckee last summer. No, I shan't tell the name, announced.'

The Violet Girl was feeling a little bit ing a good cry, dressed herself and paid a time when such buttons really served the visit to a fortune teller. She had been against many propositions of this kind, but sent the old ordinary lining, and the sham | The last time the Violet Girl had had her | such a nice thing. It is worth anywhere palm read was by a man who was disposed s seen that the present ceremonial dress- | the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad in cause she had no patience with his flip-"But these relics may not remain too pancy. "I see most unusual things in store said the speaker. "Milton's wide for you, my dear," said this sure enough collars would not rest well on modern sing- | palmreader, "You will be married three times the time has not demanded. More violent | Violet Girl thought this rather unusual is in one's way, according to the view of | those who read fortunes usually say very some of the business men of to-day. One | cheerful things. There was one thing, howconvenience and its economy, may, after another woman would cause her unhappiall, mean that the coattail will disappear | ness. "You are going to take a journey, from fashionable centers, and one will not | said the woman, bending a little lower over be surprised upon reflecting that at least | the rosy palm. "I see water and ships and one-fourth of all the cloth consumed in the people hurrying to and fro and I think I-. world in making frock and dresscoats is | Ah, yes, there you are. I see you in the

"Why, I'm going to take a sea voyage,"

## DOMESTIC SERVICE IN CHILE. in Other Lands.

"I-I'll come and see you again some time."

New York Tribune. Senorita Carolina Huldobro, of Chile, last

week gave a lecture in Boston on the women of her country. Her account of the domestic service question is interesting. "Advertisements read: 'Wanted, a cook clety have, in spite of heat, wind and dust, | with bed inside,' or, 'Wanted, a cook with held out steadfastly at their post and have bed outside.' The latter sort of cook can brought to light many valuable memorials | always be had. Domestics prefer the 'bed some day give a faithful picture of the an- in the house has more liberty. She does not cient metropoiis, its streets, temples and begin quite so early in the morning, her palaces, and its social, intellectual and re- | mistress cannot get quite so much work ligious life. Up to now 400 inscribed clay out of her, and she can steal a little more; ruins of Babylon. Of only two of them are | tory. After dinner every evening the cook are pearls of Babylonian literature. One | meals. Even if unable to read she will tablet contains a great part of a celebrated | remember every item of an elaborate menu. Babylonian compendium which explains She is given a certain amount of money to the Babylonian cuneiform characters. It is | buy the provisions, for everything is bought a very ancient dictionary, of great linguis- in small quantities-just enough for one tic interest and of exceptional value prac- | day. The cook will only cook; she will not tically. The second tablet contains noth- wash the dessert dishes, for that belongs ing less than the litany which was chanted | to the table girl's work; the table girl will by the singers of the Temple of Esagila on | not clean the knives, for that belongs to he return of the god Marduk to his sanc- | the 'boots.' The washing is all done out, tuary. Marduk, or Merodach, was the son | and the clothes are brought back in from

"The laundress has most winning ways and often brings her employer flowers and brought to light by the expedition, and | years with a cartload of goods that she it is hoped, by the winter will be has accumulated. When several servants are leaving at once, with their bedding and In the meantime Herren Koldewey and | furniture, it looks as if the whole family

"The women of Chile are not of mixed race. They are pure Spanish, and of the finest blood of Spain. They speak Castil-The German Oriental Society's account of | ian Spanish, and have the general charac-

the most distinguished physicians in Chile to-day is Dr. Ernestina Perez, a washerwoman's daughter, who showed so much talent as a child that she was educated in Europe by the state. In Chile no genius is lost to the world on account of poverty. "Of late years, with the growth of educational facilities for women, zeal for education has sprung up. We have women doctors, lawyers, authors and newspaper correspondents. There were last year, it the University of Chile, thirty-eight wo en studying medicine, four studying dentistry. and eight studying law. Of the eight law students five did not mean to practice, but were taking a law course to enable them the better to manage their large prop-

### WHO BUY COSTLY COFFINS.

# Least Afford To.

New York Tribune. "Most persons, I suppose, have the idea that the rich are buried in expensive coffins," said a man who has spent twenty years in the undertaking supply business and whose firm had just been merged in the combination, "but, according to my experience, it is generally people who desire to be thought wealthy who invest much money in coffins. You see, most rich people have their secretaries, whose business is to keep down expenses all the time, and the undertakers have found to their sorrow that they are just as strict when it comes to funeral expenses as in anything else. They want the best always, but they won't order anything that is extravagant or un-

"It's the people who are not so rich that put money into coffins," he continued. " remember the costliest one our firm ever turned out. It was for a man in Brooklyn and was supposed to cost \$2,000, but didn't. Nothing would do the family but that the plate and handles should be of solid gold The undertaker who had the order told us to put on plated ones instead. He managed to spend about \$1,000 on the coffin. The rest, I suppose, went into his pocket. There is one thing certain-the family neverknew in New York who are willing to give people what they pay for, but the most of them are not. An undertaker seldom pays more than \$250 for a coffin, no matter how much money the family is willing to expend. Almost any one in the business will tell you that when you get beyond \$250 you are throwing away money. "Experience has taught me that the undertaking business is one line in which you

cannot judge a customer at all according spend the most money. Several years ago an old German woman came into our establishment. She was poorly clad and wore a shawl over her head. When she said she wanted a coffin for her husband I made up my mind at once that something very ordinary would do, so I showed her one for \$50. 'Nein, nein,' she replied, shaking her head. Then I showed her another for \$60, one for \$75 and one for \$100. All the time she was shaking her head. I was beginning to think that our prices were too high for her, when she caught sight of something that took her eye at once. It was a patent coffin that I had been experimenting on for a year. It was elaborately trimmed in old gold plush and other fancy colors which I had used to attract attention to it at different exhibitions where less conspicuous coffins were shown. I suppose the bright colors caught the old womwith a ragged woman who bought a \$300 coffin for her husband. When I delivered it I found that she lived in a basement with water three inches deep in it.

"Such persons are singular," continued for dogs. Not long ago my men worked nearly all night on a coffin for a dog that died in one of the towns up the Hudson river. It had to go out on an early train the next morning. It was made of rosewood, box and all, and the plate and handles were of silver. It cost \$80, which, I'll venture to say, was a great deal more "There is one idea I have found preva-

lent in all of the big churches in New

York. The people who belong to them families are for the sexton and no one else. This is especially true of the rich people. Nearly everybody who belongs to the big churches employs the sexton to bury the dead. If they die in the country the local undertaker is called in to do the embalming and then the sexton of the church is sent for. He has the nice part of the work and draws the money. I know of one woman here in New York who was so firmly imbued with this idea that when she called in an outside undertaker, who happened to sband, she wrote to the sexton a letter of apology, as if she had done something to mortally offend him, and inclosed her loss of profit on the funeral. This is what makes the job of sexton of a big church from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year, according to the size of the congregation or parish and the wealth of the people. Not infrequently the choice for sexton falls to men who have never earned large salaries, and their sudden rise to prosperity undoes them. The list of church sextons who have gone to the bad in New York is a long one. Drinking seems to be their main failing, although a number have lost their places by speculating and playing the races. I knew of one church in Fifth avenue that had three sextons in as many years. They were sober and industrious men when they were appointed, but they couldn't stand pros-

## THE WILD FLOWERS.

#### Their Preservation as a Matter of Sentiment and Beauty.

Brooklyn Eagle.

Considering that the American people They mar man's sinuous curves, conceal exclaimed the girl gleefully, "isn't that the 6,000 florists of this country, irrespective of his rotundities and detract much from the loveliest thing you ever heard of?" Then the probably larger sums that are paid to kitchen range and the ironing table. Even gracefulness of his form. Why should this the palmreader gave the other hand close seedsmen and plant growers for public and the most inexperienced housekeeper soon vestige of antediluvianism remain longer scrutiny. The face of the woman became private gardens, it is evident that an in- discovers that the accomplishments of the terest is felt in flowers. Whether it is inpermit his coat to retain that which evolu- "I see work for you," she deciared. "I see | terest or the lack of it that leads vandals tionary processes have deprived him of in your hands hard and callous; you will wash to destroy them whenever they find them | meager than her own, and it is not to be the natural course of things? But the dishes. Ah, I see it all now-you will do is open to argument. A fondness for these pretty nectaries that leads to the snipping "I-I don't think I can stand any more of blossoms from the plant is comprehensirather picturesque and interesting career, | to-day," said the Violent Girl with a sob. | ble enough, but in their eagerness or indifference many tear the whole plant out knowledge I have gained and the sense of of the earth. The result of this has been to almost ex-

terminate certain of the wild flowers that used to make the upper end of Manhattan The Maids Are Much Like Other Girls gay, and that were not unknown on the edge of Brooklyn. The Dutchman's breeches, that served as reminders of the original settlers hereabout, are now conperfume the air; the indestructible daisy s passing under legal ban, along with the thistle; the buttercup has been plowed out "There are two kinds of cooks," she said. has to lie down. Where flowers and fragrance once made the spring day glad there now are barrenness and ragweed. These facts have prompted the Misses Phelps-Stokes to give \$3,000 to the New prizes for essays and studies relating to the | housework themselves.' subject, which shall be expanded to mean not merely herbaceous plants, but vegetation of all sorts, including trees. These essays are to be not over 3,000 words long, and must naturally have some practical

While this is very well, and will do its part in educating the public to a more sensible enjoyment of nature and its own advantages, and may restrain our barbarians in their practice of smashing, tearing and destroying what they care little for themselves, and will prevent others from enjoying at all, it would seem as if a small sum might be used to advantage in the cultivation of wild flowers and the dissemination of their seed, bulbs or cuttings in try cousin green with envy. Economy is Philadelphia Record. such secluded parts of the city as would | generally her watchword. insure a chance of their survival. The habitat of various species is known. Seed thrown into congenial soil would be almost | fast for her husband and herself with the certain to spring into plant and flower, and | aid alone of a chafing dish and a small iron the arbutus, the lady's slipper and many other delightful companions of one's field and woodland walks may be familiar once more. The age is not so wholly hard and void of sentiment and the sense of beauty

#### as to make this impossible. Platt's Little Pun.

New York Times. Senator Platt is not in his most jovia mood these days. Yet when a friend

THE MOST DIRECT AND SIMPLE SO-LUTION OF SERVANT QUESTION.

Conveniences Now Provided in Small Family Apartments One Cause-No Enthusiasm.

New York Commercial Advertiser. Doing one's own housework is getting to be popular. It may soon be fashionable. Country cousins of city folks, who firmly believe that the well-to-do New York woman and housework are not on amicable terms, will probably greet these statements inhabit the towering apartment houses scattered all over Manhattan Island will admit, perhaps without enthusiasm, that

fashion is never received with enthusiasm. The vogue attained by housework, it must be admitted, is not so much due to the upspringing of a brand of housekeeper like unto that which flourished during colonial days, and was distinguished early and late by a burning ambition to excel all her neighbors in pie and pickle making, as to the rise of the afore-mentioned apartment house and an exasperating scarcity of general housework maids. At any rate, that's the way some authorities explain the fact that to-day hosts of women in fashionable circles, as well as in circles not so fashionable, are systematically learning housework. Cooking lessons, for the time being, are quite as popular as lessons in embroidery. It has been hinted, by the way, that the cooking school is only a fad, and that, the difference. There are some undertakers after the manner of fads, it will be shortlived, but so far it has certainly achieved

splendid results. The medium-sized flat of moderate rent, needless to say, now represents a big proportion of the homes of New York and a corresponding number of housekeepers, mostly young, who seem to agree that one to his appearance. Sometimes the very fronts them at the outset is the arranging of a servant's quarters-a problem which is the keynote, some think, to the popularizing of housework.

THE PROBLEM OF QUARTERS. High-priced apartments costing as much as a house are sometimes equipped with servants' bedrooms in a different quarter of the building, and a kitchen not sandwiched between the parlor and the boudoir of the mistress; but these desirable features are quite unknown to its humbler and cheaper neighbor.

"If I could only get away from sight and sound of Mary Jane once in a while," cried a newly-wed housekeeper, "I would be per-

feetly happy. "Her bedroom faces mine, the kitchen connects with the dining room and overlooks my sitting room, and I know she can hear every word that is said in the flat. One of the happiest moments I know is when I can lock the door behind her on the occasion of her afternoon out. I mean to discharge her next week and try doing my own work with occasional assistance from a work-by-the-day woman. I never did housework in my life, but with so many restaurants to fall back on if I come why I should not succeed. There are other young housekeepers who

share Mrs. Newlywed's views. Said one: "Any woman who has lived in a small flat knows that privacy is comparatively impossible, secrecy quite so. A word spoken much louder than a whisper the premises of the janitor or on the house-For this reason I find I am more comfortable without a servant than with one. and I am really beginning to enjoy housenever before looked so well.'

UP-TO-DATE CONVENIENCES. Another housekeeper, while admitting that the curtailed dimensions of the mod-Mary Jane, remarked thoughtfully that be a close friend of the family, to bury her | the up-to-date conveniences which the flat includes were also responsible to some extent for the unanimity with which women. check for \$200 to compensate him for his | delicately reared, were taking up housework and deposing the servant girl.

> "Dumb waiters," she observed, "when obligingly propel into the housekeper's arms all her marketing and other purchases which she has had sent home, and with equal celerity convey to a mysterious lower region all the refuse of housekeeping. The coal range of blessed memory, albeit associated with uninteresting tussels with buckets of coal, wood and ashes, is supplanted in the modern flat by a gas cooking stove, which, whatever its shortcomings, can be kindled at a moment's notice by the veriest tyro at housekeeping. In short, even its detractors cannot deny that housework made easy is the province of the modern flat." "I don't think so many women would

choose to do their own work if they could get good help,' vouchsafed a very dainty woman, who is developing into a thrifty housekeeper. "The average small family in a flat wants but one servant, and the supreme difficulty of finding a capable maid of all work is too well known to be commented on. This is an age of kitchen spespend over \$18,000,000 a year on roses, violets | cialists. The cook will not wash clothes, the upstairs maid and the waitress scornfully refuse any acquaintance with the average general housework girl, so far as housework is concerned, are even more

wondered at that she so often decides to teach herself rather than a greenhorn. "That was my own experience, and I would not be willing to exchange the independence it gives me for a good round sum of money."

DEMAND FOR SERVANTS SLACK. A manager of one of the largest servant intelligence offices above the park says that spicuously absent; wild roses no longer go to flats has not been so overwhelming he added. "It was simply impossible at one and hacked and broken; even the dandelion | time to fill my orders with any satisfaction. The majority of general housework kirls are thoroughly incapable, and I am pretty sure when I send one to a place she will be back on my hands in a week. It is grow- Charles II. Views and portraits were go crazy. The clerk showed it to the young York Botanical Garden for investigation in flats to give out their laundry work, dine jects, though there were many requests for York Botanical Garden for investigation ing more and more the cases of sub-and the preservation of native plants. The in flats to give out their laundry work, dine jects, though there were many requests for young man immediately was taken with a

The popularity of housework is no more noticeable among the apartment house multiplying in all parts of the city. She in- come with the installation of these colhabits every sort of domicile from the \$2 a week hall room to the pretty studio and the handsomely furnished suite not far from the avenue, representing, respectively, is hoped that this department will then bethe humbiest furnished room house, the great studio buildings, the elegantly fur- by the public as the importance and value the pass." dwelling. The chafing-dish housekeeper is often a wonder. A tale of her accomplish ments might with good reason turn a coun-

One stylish woman, living in as stylish a suite in Madison avenue, cooks the breakcap put over one of the gas burners, and she gets her own luncheon in the same way. The pair dine at a restaurant. None of their friends suspects them of practicing economy, and invitations to the chafingdish suppers by means of which they repay social obligations are highly prized, for the reason that the cooking done by the hostess

The lucky guests are blissfully ignorant of the raison d'etre for the appetizing suppers, which is solely the necessity of keeping up appearances on very little capital. Truly necessity is the mother of more than

one invention. THE BEAUTIES OF A GAS STOVE. of refined, ambitious women, the portable gas stove and the oil stove share honors with the chafing dish. Most of the owners of the stoves do their own work, and do it well, too, despite the handicap of cramped quarters and few conveniences. Latter-day invention has provided attachable ovens and broilers to go with the

smallest stoves, consequently furnishedroom cooking is no longer limited to boils "I much prefer doing my own cooking," said a spirituelle-looking young woman, who is working hard at oil painting. "Not so much because it is cheaper, but because I like to buy the best quality of food and cook it to suit my taste. There are ten of us in this building who, from choice, get our own meals, and we all know too much to put up with inferior food or cooking. Then, too, since we began housekeeping we are all in much better health which encourages us to go on In homes of wealth, where servants

abound, china washing is a branch of housework which for some time past has received most flattering attention from the mistress of many a splendid dwelling. half century or less ago, as some may re call, the washing of fine table china was task not considered too menial for a Knickwith a sniff; but thousands of matrons who erbocker dame of fashion, who, indeed seemed to take pleasure in cleansing the breakfast cups, saucers and silver in a tub of water placed before her on the dinin room table by the butler. they are true. A more or less compulsory

The practice, however, died out and probably will not soon be revived, for the very good reason that nowaday madame seldom appears at the breakfast table. In those days, of course, the splendid private collections of china and bric-a-brac-objects d'art -for which New York is now famous, were practically unknown, and the woman of housewifely instincts was obliged to confine her china washing to articles in every-OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

To-day the lady of high degree leaves the breakfast china to the tender mercies of the butler, but it is none the less true that she spends many odd hours manipulating precious china with soap and water in a manner which gives points to her serv-

One rich woman who boasts a superb collection of Sevres and Dresden china figures which adorn her middle drawing room scarcely allows her servants to When the dainty, fragile pieces need

scrubbing, which is about once a month, their owner goes to work and cheerfully gives up a whole morning to the task. Another who lives in a modern palace in upper Fifth avenue and who is famous for china collected by her husband during his many trips abroad, cares for them at all times herself. They are never washed by a servant, and none but the master of the of the most vexing problems which con- house aids her in taking them from and restoring them again to the cabinets built ectally for their use and which almo line the walls of one room. "Who knows," said a woman of fashion,

'but that the old-time practice of crimping and fluting one's best laces may come round again. I remember very well, when a child reading about the fine ladies of other countries who amused themselves clear-starching and ironing fancy bits of neckwear out of doors, and of how their masculine admirers fetched and carried the hot crimping irons and made love all at the same

"But whether or no that ancient custom is ever revived, it is certainly true that the twentieth century woman is fast cultivating an intimate acquaintance with some branches of housework and that in consequence the servant question is a trifle less vexing to the woman of moderate means than it used to be."

# AN INDEX OF OTHER CENTURIES.

Success of Recently Established Printroom at Lenox Library.

New York Evening Post. About eighteen months ago, in May, 1900,

a printroom was opened at the Lenox Library, Fifth avenue and Seventieth street. This was the only room of its kind to grief with the cooking I see no reason in any New York library, and there have been few, if any, attempts to establish a regular department of this sort in libraries anywhere in this country. The famous printroom at the British Museum and the rooms devoted to such collections in all the great continental libraries had no parallel in American institutions. The opening of will industriously travel through wellhole the Lenox Library room was in the nature and dumbwaiter to assert itself brazenly in | of an experiment, but it has turned out most successfully. The number of people top; audible manifestations of the joys and | who make use of the collections in it for vexations of every tenant penetrate to the | reference or study is growing daily, and ears and understanding of all the others. | during the last year the monthly average of visitors has increased 100 per cent. The number of prints at the disposal of those who visit the rooms amounts now to work, which, strange to say, seems to agree | nearly 48,000. A number of gifts have been with me wonderfully. My friends tell me I | received from collectors since the room was opened, the most important being that from S. P. Avery of 18,000 prints, covering the development of the art of etching, especially French etching, during the nineteenth century, and of lithography. Nearly every branch of artistic effort covered by the definition of print is represented there. There are etchings, engravings, lithographs, a certain number of original drawings, Japanese chromo-xylographs, posters, even fashion-plates, and old cuts and illustrations of ships, vehicles, famous horses and advertisements. There is material that would be interesting to the members of every profession and trade, and if people realized more fully what a printroom was and the resources it contains, the

number of visitors would increase at a sur-At the same time the printroom was opened, a series of exhibitions in the hall of the library were started and will be continued indefinitely. The exhibitions are taken mostly from the material in the library, but occasionally collections have been lent for this purpose by outsiders. The attendance at these shows has in creased steadily, though some of the collections have been much more popular than others, especially those of the work of well-known men like Whistler and Rem-

The first show, which lasted two month was of Turner's "Liber Studiorum," and had about 200 visitors. Then came a four months' exhibition of caricatures and posters on the Franco-German war, with 1,400 etchings, kept on view for three months, when more than 4,000 people came to look at them. Some Japanese chromo-xylographs the Morgan prints, illustrating the history of engraving until 1800. These two shows were well attended and were followed by a collection of artistic portraits, made up of etchings, engravings, wood cuts and lithographs. Then came the Rembrandt exhibition of etchings, loaned by J. P. Morgan, which lasted over two months. More than 6,500 people came to see these etchings in that short time. At present the Fantin-Besides the students who use the print-

pictorial material connected with the Ar- big idea. The development of this printroom and the better management and classification of coterie than it is in some other quarters. the material already there are going on all Plant, I want transportation for myself to What is called the chafing-dish house- the time, but the most complete develop- Jacksonville. 'Why should I give you

lections in the new public library building. There is to be a large and well-arranged have you done for Mr. Wrenn?" room provided there for the prints, and it come as well known and be as much used

### Pictures of Royalty. "No less than 700 separate photographs

of the Emperor of Germany are extant. said a photographer yesterday, "He is the most photographed man alive, and in his pictures he always looks tall, though as a matter of fact he is a little fellow of five feet seven. There are over 300 photographs of the King of England, another little chap. Sara Bernhardt prefers to be sketched or 100 photographs of her. Wilhelmina, the comely Queen of Holland, is very young, but there are already sixty pictures of her, and it may be that in time she will overtake the English and the German rulers in this race. Pope Leo recently gave permission to the camera men to snap him



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visitors, which was followed by Whistler's and pretty creatures who, in all the latest wrinkles in jewels and dress, appear in half-tones on the women's pages of the newspapers as fashion plates. They were next shown for two months, and then make delightful fashion plates, and, as the best of them are photographed fifteen or twenty times a day, their records already make those of Emperor William and King Edward look puny and small."

## For Services Rendered.

Washington Post. "Down in New Orleans the other day I heard a good story on Mr. Plant, of the Latour lithographs and Egusquiza etchings | Plant system of hotels and railways," said are on view in the gallery, and probably Mr. Otto A. Anthoine, of the Crescent City, yesterday. "A young newspaper correspondent, who belonged in New Orleans, room, a great many theatrical people come | was broke and out of a job in New York. there to look up details of costumes. Re- He had to get back home or experience quests for pictures of all possible subjects some rough sledding, and so decided to come to those in charge of the collection, make a bold strike. He had read in one of and it is rare that something cannot be the papers that Mr. B. W. Wrenn, the pasfound to cover the ground more or less sat- senger traffic manager for the Plant systhe demand for general housework girls to isfactorily. During the last few months vis- tem, was in New York, so he went to him itors have come in who wanted to see illus- for transportation to Jacksonville. Wrenn trations of such diverse subjects as float- | didn't know him, and, of course, turned ing flour mills on the Danube and the uni- him down. He went back the next day, and form of a captain in the Japanese army. the next, and the next, and was turned Others wanted to know how the gunboats down each time. Finally, Wrenn left word dresses were worn in the time of George He even sent the newspaper man's card that he would not see the young fellow. II, or to see Japanese plant studies or rep- back to his clerk with 'If this young felresentations of furniture of the time of low doesn't keep away from here I shall

"He steered straight for Mr. Plant's office. No trouble was experienced in gaintransportation? asked the noted railway and hotel man. 'For medical services rendered Mr. Wrenn,' was the reply. 'What prevented him from losing his mind.' The incident was then explained, and Plant thought it such a good joke that he issued

#### The Married Man's Scorn. Philadelphia Record.

Two young men who looked like small salaried clerks were discussing matrimony over their pie and milk in a Tenth-street light lunch cafe yesterday. One was evidently married and the other was contemplating the step. With an air of superlority born of his own experience the benedick was questioning his bachelor friend about the qualifications of the girl. With lofty painted rather than to pose before the upon her beauty and goodness. "Can she cook?" he asked, with his mouth full of lemon meringue, "Why, yes; she can cook," replied the swain; replied the swain; "but I don't think so much of that. What I like about her is-" "What can she cook?" interrupted the married man. "Well, she can make fudge and three different kinds of cake," was the -the biograph pictures made a year ago derisively. "Fudge!" he exclaimed, mocklege-and there are now a score of pie- cake! Oh, fudge!" His companion flushed. drank human blood, caused great sorrow, and was accompanied by a black dog. This amulet was once hung round a child's neck in order to drive off the demon.

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